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the possibility of restoring and making good what one has-
attacked and spoilt is bound up with the psychic development
of the child as a whole and his growth In real
skill and percep-
tion, that is, his total adjustment to the real
external world
But the possibility of this adjustment to the
real external
world Is itself largely limited by the extent to
which his
earlier psychic life has been dominated by
sadistic phantasies.
In those cases where the super-ego develops
very early and
along very destructive lines, the development of
the real ego
and of skill and understanding in the real world
are seriously
Inhibited. Within the last three or four years
the leading
child analysts have been working with children
whose whole
mental development has been held up In this
way, and who
have enormously Improved In educability, in skill
and speech
and understanding, through the analysis of their
anxieties
connected with early aggression and the
vengeful super-ego.
It Is through these studies that we have gained
an under-
standing of the significance of these early forms
of aggression,
and the primitive layers of the super-ego.